

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph 12 beginning on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] Bus 106 may comprise a bus that complies with the PCI-X (PCI Extended) Specification Rev. 1.0a, July 24, 2000, (hereinafter referred to as a "PCI-X bus"), or a bus that complies with the PCI-E (PCI Express) Specification Rev. 1.0a (hereinafter referred to as a "PCI-E bus"), both available from the PCI Special Interest Group, Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. Bus 106 may comprise other types and configurations of bus systems.